THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 5th March 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Representations from the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories Labour Union, Nellikuppam.

* 48 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation on 21st December 1953 from the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories Labour Union, Nellikuppam, regarding their grievances: and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Government have received only a copy of the letter, dated 21st December 1953, from the Secretary, E.I.D. and S.F. Labour Uunion, Nellikuppam, addressed to the management of Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., Madras.

" (*b*) No action was taken on it as it was only a copy of the letter addressed to the management."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தொழிலாளர்கள் தங்களுக்கு இருக்கக் கூடிய குறைகளை மானேஜ்மென்டாருக்கு நேரடியாக எழுதிக்கேட்ட போதிலும் மானேஜ்மென்டார் அவர்களுடைய குறைகளுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிக்கும் வகையில் என்னென்ன காரியங்களைச் செய்து இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று கவனிக்கத் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்காகத்தான் சர்க்காருக்கும் இவ் விண்ணப்பத்தின் நகல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. ஆனால் இதன் மேல், எந்த நடவடிக்கையும் எடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்று சர்க்கார் சொன்னார்கள். இனிமேலாகிலும், தொழிலாளர் குறைகளுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the intention may be there. But the law requires that the parties aggrieved should write to the Government themselves. I would advise the hon. Member to ask the labour leaders to write to the Government direct, instead of sending copies of representations they make to the managements."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்தத் தகராறை ஏன் adjudicationத்கு அனுப்புவதற்கு மறுக்கிறார்கள் ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்விக்குத்தான், கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏற்கனவே பதில் அளித்து விட்டாரே !"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I shall answer him, Sir. There is no case before us. What are we to send for adjudication?"

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, subsequently, in January 1954, the same copy of the Memorandum has been addressed to the Hon. Minister and if the Hon. Minister has got that copy of the Memorandum, may I know what action he has taken on that? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I do not have in my file anything to show that the 'Hon. Minister' has been given that copy. Even if a copy had been given, no action would have been taken, unless a direct letter is sent to the Government and not copy of a letter addressed to the management."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" தொழிற்சங்கக் காரியதரிசி சமர்ப்பித்த விண்ணப்பத்தில் என்னென்ன குறைகள் தெரியப்படுத்தப் பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்று சர்க்காரால் கூறமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no idea, Sir. "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, I had occasion to visit that place last year and the workmen came to me with a lot of grievances, almost with a list of grievances, particularly about the arduous conditions under which they are working in that particular factory. I was also told that they had sent a letter to this Government. Would the Government at least search for it and if any such letter has been received and if it is pending, would Government look into the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as I have said, we might have received a copy of the letter addressed to the management on which according to law, we cannot take any action. I am certain that no letter was directly addressed to the Government. At any rate, that is my information. While sympathising with the view expressed by the hon. Member, I am afraid, the law has got to be satisfied."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தொழிலாளர்கள் தங்களுக்கு இரண்டு நாள் அதிகப்படியான விடுமுறை வேண்டும்; 1952-ம் ஆண்டில் தங்களுக்கு கிடைத்த போனஸ் இந்த வருஷமும் கிடைக்க வேண்டும் என்பவைகள் போன்ற சாதாரணக் குறைகளுக்கே, நிவாரணம் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். முதலாளிகளுக்கு நேரடியாக விண்ணப்பம் செய்யப்பட்டு, அவர்கள் குறைகளை நிவர்த்திக்க மறுத்தால், இத்தகராறு, தொழில் கோர்ட்டுக்கு விடப்படும் என்று சர்க்கார் உத்திரவாதம் அளிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I should like to tell the hon. Member that if a letter is addressed to the Government stating their grievances, Government will ask the Labour Commissioner first to conciliate. On receipt of his report, Government will decide whether that matter is sufficiently important to be sent for adjudication. Every case is not sent for adjudication and Government have the right to decide what cases shall or shall not be sent to adjudication."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the demands contained in the copy of this Memorandum was put in the Resolution which was passed at the General Body meeting of the Union and was sent

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to the Government. May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the Government have taken any action on that Resolution? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has already said that he received only a copy of the letter. I shall pass on to the next question."

New Elementary Education Scheme.

* 49 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the New Elementary Education Scheme will be introduced in all municipalities and major panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Modified Scheme of Elementary Education has already been introduced in the major panchayats with effect from the school year 1953–54. The introduction of the Scheme in the Municipal areas, with effect from the next school year, viz., 1954–55 is under the consideration of Government."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்தத் திட்டத்தை முனிசிபாலிட்டிகளுக்கும், மற்ற இடங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிப்பதைப் பற்றி பொது ஜன *அபிப்பிராயத்தைத் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் எந்த விதமான முயற்சிகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, generally, I thought, hon. Members speaking on the floor of the Assembly were expressing the views of the public to a certain extent and I am hearing from outside also so many representations."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, is the extension of the scheme to other areas based on the experience gained in those areas where it is at present working and if it is so, will the Government prepare a note on the subject and make it available to the Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the problem is slightly different with reference to urban areas. It requires a little bit of examination and that is being done."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this Assembly has asked the Government not to implement the scheme any further—the Resolution was that the scheme should be stayed—will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is justifiable to extend the scheme further to major panchayats? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is a mere argument. But I may bring to the notice of this House that the Resolution was passed by a majority of two votes in the previous Assembly and if only we analysed the voting strength with reference to the present Assembly, we had a